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RECORD OF STATEMENTS BY THE UNITED STATES AND TURKISH DELEGATESON

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AN ATTEMPTED DIVERSION OF BORACITE TO THE SOVIET BLOCMarch 23rd, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegate informed the Committee that his authorities would be submitting a small number of attempted diversion cases for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the export controls sub-committee in Rome, and he hoped that details of these cases would be submitted in time to give other Delegations adequate opportunity for studying them. The United States Delegate suggested that other Member Countries give consideration to submitting to the Committee diversion cases which they might consider should be usefully studied by the Committee and suggested that any such cases also be submitted in time to permit their advance study by Committee Members. The Delegate continued that a very important attempt to divert more than 6,000 tons of boracite to the Soviet Bloc had recently come to the attention of his authorities. The country producing the material in question, the country issuing the import licence, the country in which the consignee was resident and the country in which the vessel carrying the material was registered were all Members of the Committee. The vessel concerned was now known to be on the high seas and every effort would be made to try to stop the consignment from reaching the Soviet Bloc. The Delegate felt that this might well be an important case which would merit very thorough study at the export controls sub-committee meeting.

2. The TURKISH Delegate stated that his authorities had authorised the export of 6,700 tons of boracite to Greece against an import certificate (No. 1225) issued by the Bank of Greece. His authorities had since been informed that this shipment was not discharged in a Greek port but was on its way to a port in the Soviet Bloc. In cooperation with the Greek, United Kingdom and United States Governments his authorities were trying to get the ship to return to a Greek or United Kingdom port and it was hoped that the attempted diversion would be prevented.

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